

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/025,044

Examiner

David L Lewis

Applicant(s)

KAI ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/28/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-40.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. **Claims 1-40 are allowed over the prior art of record.**
2. Applicants arguments filed on 6/28/2004 are persuasive. With regard to claim 1, the distinction of the Applicants language citing said first inspection circuit being constructed to be separated from said display circuit is not taught or properly suggested by the prior art of record. Aoki et al. merely teaches of two distinct sections, a display and inspection portion being in separate locations but fails to suggest they are constructed to be cut. The Examiner reads said claim language in view of the remarks furthered by the applicant filed on 6/28/2004 wherein the applicant states "The first inspection circuit 101 is constructed to be separated from the display circuit 103 at a cutting line 121. After the inspection, the first inspection circuit 101 is cut from the display circuit 102 at the cutting line 121." The Examiner reads the constructed to be separated language in this light. With regard to claim 16, the distinction of the Applicants language citing a bidirectional switch connected to the common inspection input/output terminal is not taught or properly suggested by the prior art of record. With regard to claim 28, the distinction of the Applicants language citing the second inspection circuit having a third analog switch, and one end of the third analog switch is connected to the other end of said data line and another end is connected to said inspection voltage input and/or output terminal is not taught or properly suggested by the prior art of record. Further, the language of claim 28 citing said first inspection circuit being separable from said display circuit is interpreted as having the same meaning as found in the modified claim 1, wherein the inspection circuit is cut from the display at a cutting line. These features in combination with the remaining claims language are not taught or suggested by the art of record. For these reasons claims 1-40 are therefore allowed over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David L. Lewis whose telephone number is (703) 306-3026. The examiner can normally be reached on MT and THF from 8 to 5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala, can be reached on (703) 305-4938. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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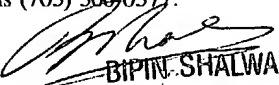
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